(ङ) देश में वर्ष 1991-92 और 1992-93 में कुल कृषि योग्य क्षेत्र क्रमशः 185007 हजार हैक्टेयर तथा 184376 हजार हैक्टेयर था। राज्यों से वर्ष 1994-95 के लिए सूचना अभी देय नहीं हुई हैं।

Importance of Goat in Rural Economy

586. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that goat has a vital importance in the rural economy of the country;

(b) whether Government have assessed its importance and if so the facts thereof;

(c) whether Government have drawn up any plan to improve upon this livestock; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes Sir. The contribution of goat to the national economy through milk, meat, skin, fibre etc. is estimated to be of the order of Rs. 4900 crores annually.

(c) and (d) A centrally sponsored scheme for assisting the States in strengthening, *inter alia,* goat farms for production and dissemination of quality breeding bucks is under implementation during the Eighth Plan.

Krishna River Water Project

587. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to construct dams and canals for using the waters of river Krishna;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total estimated cost of the Krishna Project and the Central Government's share;

(d) the total amount spent on this project so far; and

(e) the details of the recommendations made by the Krishna Tribunal and to what extent these recommendations have so far been implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Statement giving details of major & medium projects in Krishna basin' pending at the Centre is enclosed *(see* below).

(c) The latest estimated cost of Krishna Project is Rs. 355.00 crores. Union Government' does not share the cost of State Project.

(d) The expenditure incurred upto March, 1994 is Rs. 178.85 crores. The anticipated expenditure for 1994-95 is Rs. 22.00 crores. The outlay recomended by the working group of the Planning Commission for 1995-96 is Rs. 22 crores.

(e) The following are main recommendations of Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal:

(i) The 75% dependable yield of Krishna basin upto Vijayawada is 2060 TMC.

(ii) The entire dependable yield is allocated as 560 TMC for Maharashtra, 700 TMC for Karnataka and 800 TMC for Andhra Pradesh.

(iii) In addition to above, the States are permitted to use return flows to be calculated as 10 per cent of the average utilisation for the States Projects using 3 TMC or more for irrigation, in excess of similar utilisation during 1968-69.